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memorandum

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ATTN OF: Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance: Boulos: 6-1306

SUBJECT:

Clean Air Act Information-Final Rule on Listing of Substitutes for Ozone-Depleting Substances.

TO:

Distribution

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Department of Energy complex that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued on April 28, 1999, a Final Rule in the Federal Register related to the Significant New Alternatives Policy program. Under Section 612 of the Clean Air Act, EPA established the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) program. SNAP's mandate is to identify alternatives to ozone-depleting substances and to publish lists of acceptable and unacceptable substitutes. Comprehensive SNAP lists can be obtained through EPA's Stratospheric Protection Hotline at: 1-800-296-1996, or through EPA's stratospheric ozone protection web site: <http://www.epa.gov/docs/ozone/title6/snap/snap.html>.

In this Final Rule in the Federal Register (64 FR 22982), EPA is issuing its decisions on the acceptability of certain substitutes included in the May 21, 1997, (62 FR 27873) notice of proposed rulemaking. Specifically, the Rule clarifies the criteria for unique fittings used in motor vehicle air-conditioning systems, and addresses the acceptability of certain substitutes in the fire suppression, solvent, and aerosol sectors, and the unacceptability of substitutes in the refrigeration and air conditioning, solvents, aerosols, fire suppression, and adhesives, coatings, & inks sectors.

The Final Rule is available on the Office of Environmental Policy and Assistance Home Page (EH-41) at: <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/oepa/rules/64fr22982.pdf>.

If you have any questions concerning this rule, please contact Emile Boulos of my staff at: emile.boulos@eh.doe.gov; 202-586-1306 or Ted Koss at: theodore.koss@eh.doe.gov; 202-586-7964.

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